

REMARKS

FORMAL MATTERS:

Claims 71 and 72 remain pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Claims 40, 56-70 and 73-74 are canceled without prejudice.

No claims have been amended.

No new matter is added.

REJECTIONS UNDER §102

Claims 40, 56-70 and 73-74 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by St. Goar (U.S. Patent 6,629,534).

The rejection is traversed as applied and as it might be applied to the presently pending claims. However, applicant wishes to expedite prosecution of this application. Accordingly, the rejected claims have been canceled rendering the rejection moot.

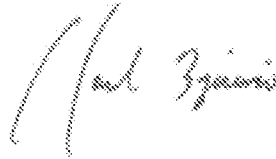
ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Within the Office Action claims 71 and 72 were indicated as being allowable. Claims 71 and 72 are not amended here. Accordingly, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an indication of such is respectfully requested.

In the event minor issues remain unresolved the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite disposition of this application.

In the event fees are due in connection with the filing of this document the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number UOMB-001DIV.

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